

REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2007. In view of the following amendments and discussion, the Applicants believe that all claims are in allowable form.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-10

Claims 1-10 stand rejected because of the element "a shaft" appears in both claim 1 and claim 2. In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 2 and 4, and amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of claims 2 and 4, while addressing the antecedent basis for the "shaft" claim element in claim 1.

Thus, the Applicants submit that claims 1, 3 and 5-10 are now in patentable form. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 11 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,863,397 to *Tu, et al.*, in view of United States Patent No. 6,406,209 to *Liu, et al.* and United States Patent No. 6,145,397 to *Nzeadibe, et al.* Claims 7-10, 12-13, 15 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,863,397 to *Tu, et al.*, in view of United States Patent No. 6,406,209 to *Liu, et al.*, and in further view of United States Patent No. 6,198,299 to *Hollman* and United States Patent No. 4,416,102 to *Peters*. In response, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the elements of claims 2 and 4, and amended claim 11 to incorporated the elements of claim 14. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 11, as amended, are patentable over the references of record. Claims 2, 4, 14 and 16-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of the subject matter of claims 1 and 11 in their form prior to the amendments made herein, and of the subject matter of cancelled claims 16-18 in continuing applications.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of claims 4 and 14, if rewritten to include the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. As discussed above, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite the all elements of claims 4 and 14, including intervening claim 2. As such, all claims are now in allowable form.


CONCLUSION

Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above the Applicants submit that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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